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SUBJECT: PDRY MISTREATMENT OF US CITIZENS

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1. I TELEPHONED MARWAN TODAY ON THE SECURE PHONE TO TELL HIM THAT WE HAVE INSTRUCTED USUN TO CONVEY TO THE PDRY MISSION IN NY OUR DISMAY AT THE CONTINUED MISTREATMENT OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS IMPRISONED IN ADEN.
2. MARWAN IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT, ON HIS TRIP SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO ADEN, HE HAD OBTAINED PDRY (PRESIDENT ALI) CONSENT TO RELEASE THE AMERICANS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD SENT THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO VP MOBAREK WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE CONVEYED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ON ONE OF THE LATTER'S ALEXANDRIA SHUTTLE STOPS. PERHAPS MOBAREK HAD FORGOTTEN TO DO SO.
3. I TOLD MARWAN THAT HIS REPORT, IF THE PDRY REALLY MEANS IT, S WELCOME NEWS. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, MOBAREK HAD NOT INFORMED THE SECRETARY. COULD HE GIVE ME ANY DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED RELEASE. SINCE MARWAN APPARENTLY HAD A VISITOR IN HIS OFFICE AT THE TIME, HE ASKED ME TO CALL HIM AGAIN TOMORROW AT WHICH TIME WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT FURTHER.

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4. COMMENT: MARWAN'S ESTIMATES OF PDRY

REACTIONS TO EGYPTIAN REQUESTS ALL TOO OFTEN TURN OUT
TO BE EXAGGERATED. THUS, I CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER
GOE ACTUALLY HAS A COMMITMENT FROM PRESIDENT ALI
TO RELEASE THE AMERICANS AND, IF SO, WHAT THE
CONDITIONS MAY BE. I ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT THE
DEPARTMENT WILL WISH ME TO FOLLOW UP WITH MARWAN FOR ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
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